

I am opposed to the use of the broadcast flag. Any law that will make my computer, that I plan to have for at least 10 more years, obsolete is not welcome. For people with limited means, a computer upgrade is impossible. And fair use, already an accepted part of copyright law, is already in danger. Regulating the hardware chain is not the answer -- it will remove any incentive for the development of new products and drop the US, already behind the world in the deployment of wireless services, to the bottom of the innovation chain.

As far as I am concerned, the media companies should be worried about improving the quality of this vast wasteland of broadcast and cable media and less about how they can slowly kill the consumer rights of fair use and a "general purpose" computer.